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**CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

**West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)**

**Accomplishments through May 16, 2003:**

Crews continue to repair damaged silt fence. Surveying is continuing. The excavation and cofferdam for the 18' culvert for Slate Creek has started and the culvert has been delivered. Excavation and Embankment operation have started and is going well North of Slate Creek. Work has started on the slide repair North of Slate Creek.

**Future activities planned for the project:**

Work on gabion wall # 2, north end of project will continue next week and possibly be completed by the end of the week. They will also start placing culverts across the roadway South of Slate Creek, so the **road closures will continue**. The week of May 19 Pumco may opt. to not be working on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will not be working in the roadway on Monday, May 26 due to the Holiday.

**Other news of note:**

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 5:30 Monday thru Friday

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

**During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car.** Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flaggers directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the works.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

